

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claims 1 and 4, and rewrite claims 5, 7, 8 and 9 as follows:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Twice Amended) An ophthalmologic knife for being guided into an incision formed at an eyeball and for widening the width of the incision, said knife comprising:

a handle having an end portion; and

B¹ a blade portion having a flat shape formed at the end portion of said handle, said blade portion having:

a front tip,

two cutting edges arranged on both sides of said blade portion in a narrowing manner toward the front tip of the blade portion, and
a guide portion ^{which does not incise the cornea or the sclera, is} disposed ^{may} in a width direction of the blade portion between the two cutting edges for guiding the blade portion into the incision formed at the eyeball, having a bottom surface, a top surface, a wedge-shaped cross section formed at a side cross section thereof in a longitudinal direction of the knife, cross sectional slopes formed at both the top surface and bottom surface thereof, and having a greater angle than that of the cutting edges, the top surface having an inclination angle different from that of the bottom surface.

6. (Original) the ophthalmologic knife according to claim 5, wherein the bottom surface

of the guide portion has an inclination angle greater than that of the top surface.

7. (Currently Amended) The ophthalmologic knife according to claim + 5, wherein the guide portion is an arc-like shape continuing from the cutting edges on both sides at a flat surface of the blade portion.

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8. (Currently Amended) The ophthalmologic knife according to claim + 5, wherein the flat surface of the guide portion is comprised of a straight portion and an arc portion continuing to the cutting edges on both sides.

9. (Currently Amended) The ophthalmologic knife according to claim + 5, wherein the guide portion is treated with reflection prevention upon the surface thereof.

